

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

GRANDSTAFF 

ROKOSCH 

THOMPSON 

CHILCOTT 

DRISCOLL 

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Members Present..... Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Jim Rokosch, Commissioner Alan Thompson, and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Date.....August 12, 2008

Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met with for the following administrative matters:  
Commissioner Grandstaff was not present for this meeting.

- Approval of Addendum to Airport Hangar Lease #340: Commissioner Rokosch stated it is to change the lease to commercial. **Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the addendum to Airport Ground Hangar Lease #340 for a twenty year lease. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.**
- Approval of Airport agreement with Gun Club: **Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the Airport agreement with the Gun Club. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.**
- Approval of MOU for Protection of Sheep: **Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the MOU for the Protection of Sheep. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.**
- Approval of Addendum of Contract between Weed Department and Forest Service for additional funding: **Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the addendum to the contract between Weed Department and Forest Service. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.**
- IT Director Joe Frohlich discussed the usage of Google Earth with the County internet service provider. He stated it has been recommended to remove Google

Earth from users due to the inability to control updates. Joe discussed the users who would need it would be GIS, Planning and possibly the detectives in the Sheriff's Office. He stated the cost of the professional license is \$350 to \$400 per user. **The Board concurred with Joe's recommendation.**

► The Board met with the 9-1-1 Advisory Board to discuss the Center Remodel; Shift Supervisor promotional process; and budget FY 09. Present were OES Director Ron Nicholas, Erik Hoover, Administrative Assistant Glenda Wiles, and Jane Ellis from the 9-1-1 Advisory Board. Commissioner Grandstaff was not present for this meeting.

Jane discussed the Center remodel and communications with the Commissioners. She requested an update on the remodel. Glenda stated the utilization of an architectural firm is on the agenda for next Monday at 10 a.m. and if the Commissioners rule favorable; they will proceed with plans. Jane stated at one point in time, the architect was going to be considered for more than just the remodel. Commissioner Rokosch replied the space will be utilized by more than just one department. Glenda added the DUI Processing Center was included which would be separate from the 9-1-1 Center. Commissioner Driscoll stated she had requested to take the remodel on a higher level to utilize the space to the maximum potential. Commissioner Rokosch stated the request for the architectural firms were to focus on the remodel for 9-1-1 Center and the DUI Processing Center. Further discussion followed regarding storage space for Election equipment.

Jane requested discussion on the Shift Supervisor promotional process. Commissioner Rokosch stated he spoke with Human Resource Director Robert Jenni regarding the process. Some of the applicants had more information than others therefore, all applicants needed to be on the same level. He stated Commissioner Grandstaff has been directly involved with the applicants.

Jane then discussed the budget rumors and requested clarification with charging one or more participating agencies with 9-1-1 such as Marcus Daly. Commissioner Thompson stated it was general conversation over the years with the County footing all of the dispatch costs without any community funding. Anytime you are receiving a service, it should be paid for but there haven't been any formal decisions. Commissioner Rokosch stated this budget year is particularly confined and the Board will look at all possible areas for funding sources.

Commissioner Thompson discussed the new 311 numbers for general information which tie up dispatcher time instead of being utilized for emergencies.

Jane stated at the Advisory Board meeting Sheriff Hoffman understood Commissioner Chilcott obtained an older copy of an ordinance regarding funding for a county attorney opinion. Commissioner Driscoll replied she is not aware of any action by Commissioner Chilcott to do that.

Commissioner Driscoll stated the 'old style' of communication between the Board of County Commissioners has now changed with the new Board as there is better communication. Jane stated everyone is strapped for money but requested to meet for a discussion of the funding constraints prior to any decision. Commissioner Rokosch stated the Board needs to understand there are other mutual in-kind trades within departments that are not cash based.

Jane discussed the effectiveness of the Advisory Board and the attendance of the Board members. She stated there had been some meetings that had to be cancelled due to lack of quorum. Commissioner Driscoll recommended having a Board member keep an oversight for input to the Commissioners. Commissioner Rokosch stated the Commissioners have to take individual responsibility to update the Board of County Commissioners of the County Boards activity. He stated if one Commissioner is not able to attend the meetings of their selected Board, then another Commissioner should attend.

Jane stated there still needs to be some serious discussion regarding Mountain Top Communication System. Commissioner Driscoll stated one problem she sees is when information is not shared. Sometimes we assume the other person knows and later find out that is not the case. Commissioner Rokosch stated it does fall through the cracks. Jane suggested monthly or quarterly meetings with Department Heads for regularly reports. She suggested having an Advisory Board member as well as Joanna Hamilton to attend the Budget meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Further discussion followed regarding the budget deliberation process. Commissioner Rokosch stated the Board is looking at a twenty year plan for the 9-1-1 Center. Commissioner Driscoll stated the old area for 9-1-1 Dispatch will be utilized for the election equipment which is important for the ripple effect of the remodel and will also keep up employee morale.

Hamilton Police Chief Ryan Oster stated this remodel has been confusing. He asked if the plan is going to work or is it something that is being agreed upon. Commissioner Driscoll stated the need for a better facility and better working conditions were recognized. Commissioner Rokosch stated it was primarily a budget issue, and then it developed into a need for a longer time frame. There is a need for this County to have a capital improvement plan. Commissioner Rokosch explained the process to date. Ryan stated we are all intelligent people and realize we can't get everything we want. His concern is if the Commission is comfortable with this decision and not slapping a band-aid on it. Commissioner Driscoll stated she would rather study the whole efficiency of the basement. Commissioner Thompson stated we are making the best decision we can make, based on the information and resources at the time. Ryan stated the Commissioners represent the County government and hopes it has been well researched.

► The Board met for discussion and decision on action to the petition to repeal the Growth Policy in regard to Clerk & Recorder's memo. Present were County Attorney George Corn, Clerk & Recorder Regina Plettenberg, Senior Planner Shaun Morrell, Planner Tristan Riddell and Interim Planning Director Renee Lemon.

Commissioner Rokosch called the meeting to order and gave a review of the petition.

George stated the petition does not require Board action. He stated the options for the Board are 1) within 14 days direct a suit to be brought in district court to determine whether the proposed action would be valid and constitutional or 2) within 60 days of receiving the petition, take the action called for in the petition.

Commissioner Thompson stated he would like to adopt no action. He stated he does not want to see the Growth Policy repealed but it is a valid petition to go on the ballot. Commissioner Driscoll stated she agrees with Commissioner Thompson. Commissioner Driscoll asked for clarification of the Attorney General opinion. George replied only residents in the unincorporated area could vote. Commissioner Driscoll asked if it was a vote on zoning, then could all county residents vote. George replied the statute states governing body may revise, adopt or repeal the Growth Policy. George further discussed the statute that specifically outlines the jurisdictional areas.

George stated this could be a conundrum. Commissioner Rokosch expressed his concern with the language of this measure on the ballot. It may project bias. Regina stated MCA 13-27-312 provides statute for ballot statements. She has not seen any language on the ballots that have been totally clear for or against an issue. George stated he did review written comments for the language on the ballot. He stated MCA 76-1-605 for the Growth Policy subsection 2 will strike a balance with the ballot language. He presented the Board with a sample ballot for language review that has had tremendous implications in the past. In this specific language, it was not concerned to be regulatory due to the word "zoning". He believes if the word "zoning" is added to the language, people will think they are voting on zoning and not the Growth Policy. Commissioner Rokosch thanked George for his consideration regarding the language of the statement going too far. George stated it could be argued if zoning is put in the language. The Board agreed with George.

Commissioner Rokosch requested George for an opinion regarding individual Commissioner activities towards ballot issues. George replied he will issue a memo. Commissioner Rokosch stated this measure is to repeal something in place and he would like to clarify to citizens and voters how the Growth Policy is currently being used.

**The Board was unanimous in taking no action in regard to the petition to repeal the Growth Policy.** Further discussion followed the utilization of the Growth Policy to adopt zoning.

Gene Williams asked what would be the procedure to revise the Growth Policy. George replied there would have to be public hearings and meetings before any kind of revision.

► The Board met with Ron Nicholas to review NIMS training requirements. Ron stated he is the point of contact for the County for NIMS. He presented the Board with the NIMS training requirements and reviewed them individually. He stated there should be at least two new commissioners fully trained in all areas. The 100 and 200 series courses are available online at [www.fema.training.gov](http://www.fema.training.gov). Ron recommended for the 300 and 400 series, it be in a classroom for interaction.

► The Board met for 9-1-1 interviews.

► Commissioner Driscoll attended a meeting for Planning Enhancement Project and update at Lakeland Feed Conference Room.

HAMILTON GUN CLUB  
PO Box 672  
Hamilton, MT 59840

July 25, 2008

RE: Put shooting range back in its original condition.

Dear Airport Board and County Commissioners:

To solve a problem caused by Ravalli county shop being built in the line of fire of our #4 trap house.

We only have the ability to use our #4 trap house for straight away and left hand shots at present. The # 4 Trap house is rarely used, and only for very limited training, and is blocked to prevent throwing clay birds to the right of center.

As you know the club holds organized ATA shooting competition twice each year; as well as league shooting and open practice shooting twice a week, as well as training youth in the Scholastic Clay Target Program. We would like to bring the clubs Trap range back to its original condition again, as it was before the construction of the new buildings and heliport. This proposal will solve the issue.

The club will shut down and no shooting will take place if there is a fire season.


Our proposal is:

Turn the #4 Trap house counter clockwise 20 degrees, or to the left enough to make a far right hand bird fly to the west of the Heliport and away from buildings and heliports. Also at this distance shot should fall to the ground before reaching the north boundary fence.

We would, if necessary to solve a logistic problem with Trap #3 and Trap #4 after #4 is turned, adjust Trap house #3 by turning it counter clockwise 10 degrees, but this may not be necessary.

Our shot drop area will be reclaimed this season with weather conditions remaining as they are. The ground must be dry in order to separate the lead shot from the soil.

Sincerely,



Jerry Sisler, President